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Whose Invisible Editor is the Conqueror on the white horse—the new Initiate in his solar body.

The Conqueror—to him I shall award to eat (the fruit) of the tree of life which is in the middle of the Garden of the God.

The award to the Conqueror, is the Eternal Memory: he shall eat the fruit of the tree of life (the fruitage of the life cycle) in the God's own abiding place, the mystical paradise or state of ineffable bliss.

The award to the Conqueror is conscious Immortality; he is to wear the crown of life, and nothing that originates in the soul-consciousness shall pass into the oblivion of the second death.

The Conqueror—to him I shall award to eat a share of the hidden manna; and I shall award to him a white voting-pebble, and on the voting pebble (will be) a new name engraved, which no one knows but he who receives it.

The Conqueror—he shall be clothed in white garments, and I shall not at all erase his name from the book of life, but I shall acknowledge his name before my Father and before his Divinities.

The Conqueror shall not at all be punished by the second death. He who has an ear to hear, let him hear.

"Son of Man"

OR, THE SEQUEL TO EVOLUTION

—By CELESTIA ROOT LANG—

"DIVINE incarnation is the cause of creation. And the relation of the vital union existing between God and nature is expressed in the successive planes of incarnation of the Christ-principle or divine energy. This brings the question of 'First Cause,' within the domain of science. The Christ-principle theory or psychic evolution shows that all these beautiful laws (of evolution) are the necessary results of the incarnation of divine energy; that these laws are explained by the doctrine of the divine mode of incarnation or planes of divine energy, and thus a new science comes into being and Christology becomes a physical science.

As to the scientific method of investigating the laws of evolution on the higher psychological planes, the author commends the comparative one so successfully adopted in anatomy, physiology, and embryology—the soul of man must be studied in relation to what corresponds to it in the lower animals—and asks:

"Will not Christology become truly scientific only through comparative Christology, i. e., by the study of the spirit of God in relation to what corresponds to it in man?"

ON the subject of individual immortality the author's views are clear and pronounced—"Narrow is the way," she tells us.

"Spirit individuality explains, as nothing else can, all that is characteristic of a Christ-man, one in whom the Christ or divine principle has come to birth. This also means separate life, spirit viability, immortality. Spirit consciousness espe-

cially seems to me the simplest sign of separate entity or spirit individuality, and its appearance among psychical phenomena the very act of spirit-birth. The change from the one to the other is like to a birth into a higher plane, the beginning of another cycle of evolution. In the beginning of psychical life, the Christ-principle is but an appendage of the body, in the end the body is but the vehicle of the immortal spirit.

"The fatal mistake in theology is in supposing that the human soul is immortal; i. e., capable of individual spirit existence. It is analogous to the theory that every monkey is on the highway to become a man. Many monkeys came into being, but few attained to humanity; many human souls, too, have come into being, but few will attain immortality. The animam, or soul of man, on the rational plane, is not immortal; the Christ-man only has a distinct personality or spirit individuality. Material evolution finds its goal in man, psychic evolution in a Christ-man.

"The first cause, the direct will of the Deity, is expressed by divine incarnation,—divine energy passing into matter and form."

For this remarkable work the author claims, and we think justly, that it is thoroughly consistent with the spirit of the teachings of Jesus and the evolution theory. Her citations from Scripture are wonderfully apt. Indeed, she presents many of Christ's sayings in an entirely new light, apparently justifying her claim to an interpretation of Christianity from a higher plane of spiritual insight.

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AL SMITH AND THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

AL SMITH will be nominated and defeated at the election by the greatest vote that ever swamped a Presidential Candidate. Why? Don't even ask, as you know before asking. He's a Catholic, that's all, and the American Electorate will never vote a Catholic in the Presidential Chair. Bigotry, prejudice, selfishness, I hear you say. No, honesty, patriotism and loyalty to the Stars and Stripes. No Catholic would vote for any one but a Catholic if they had things their own way in this Country. Notice, if you please, how clannish and separate they are from the great body of Protestant Americans. The teachings of the Church make them that way. They are the Spawn of the Pope, and being such they cannot function independently, but must have a plan and rule set down for all their actions and procedure of life.

Now Al Smith as President would be the greatest calamity that ever befell the American Republic. It would mean that America openly recognizes the Vatican at Rome and thenceforward the Pope would have his Ecclesiastical Representative at Washington, D. C., and our American Ambassador at the Vatican, would place us on a par with the balance of the imbecile Nations of the Earth who today recognize the Pope and his World Wide Autocratic Government.

I ask you in the name of Human Progress and Civil Liberty, in the name of our Sacred Forefathers, who discountenanced the union of Church and State, in the name of the Founder of this Exalted Republic, George Washington, who declared that the Republic of America was not, in any sense, founded on the Christian Religion, do we want an agent of the Vatican sitting in the White House, guiding our Ship of State? I hear you reply that a Catholic has as much right to act as the Chief and Head of the Nation as a Protestant, according to his Constitutional guarantee. To which I answer a Catholic by the very nature of his whole-hearted support to the Pope and his program of "Making America Catholic," cannot represent the people as a Democratic Head, and should therefore be regarded as an alien, who seeks to overthrow the Government and install the Pope at Washington, D. C., as the Spiritual Ruler of the Whole Earth and the President as an under secretary to do the Pope's bidding.

Al Smith is the man destined to overthrow the Government if the People are foolish enough to elect him to the Presidency. Everything is set ready for action and the moment Al Smith takes his place at the helm of our American Government and steers the Ship of

State, at that moment America is doomed to HELL, and the American People deserve no better fate if they vote for a Catholic to destroy their Liberties and their Republic.

How can Al Smith countenance all Church Denominations to be loyal to their separate schools and declare himself unalterably loyal to our American Public Schools? How can Al Smith pledge himself to the Flag and the Constitution when his first pledge is to his spiritual Fathers at Rome? How can Al Smith live up to the principles of our American Government when he has sworn himself secretly to help destroy all Heretical Systems which are regarded by his Holy Father at Rome and the by-laws of his Church as Hellish and Damnable?

The time has come to strike down the Roman Catholic Church in America and turn her hungry political fathers into the Atlantic Ocean headed for the Roman Forum. The time has come to declare ALL MEN ARE CREATED FREE AND EQUAL and all organizations parading under the cloak of Religion which enslaves the Souls of Men, put to the test of paying their just taxes and opening their secret houses of charity to public inspection. The time has come to demolish all religious institutions here in America and GIVE MEN A SQUARE DEAL NOW, and not enslave their Souls by telling them that a Heaven or Hell awaits them after they pass on to the grave.

The time has come to elevate the Rights of Man, and enthrone a GOD who will give His Kingdom to His People HERE ON EARTH, and bind and shackle the astute Priestly Heads who have enslaved him for Ages.

—Harry R. Lang.

"HE THAT LOSETH HIS LIFE SHALL FIND IT."—Jesus

NO, not beyond the grave, as the theologians are wont to disclose to their unthinking compatriots, for he was speaking, not figuratively but literally. He whose consciousness is caught up to the seventh plane of Spirit (while here in the body) loses his normal consciousness to be absorbed in Brahma or pure Spirit. He who does not lose his life, lives in the miserable hut or case of a personal being, shut out from the glorious heritage of God's Kingdom, here on Earth, which is One and includes all human beings.

When you come into the state I am speaking of you experience the first four rules of Light on the Path, the Theosophic Path to LIBERATION. 1st. "Before the eyes can see, they must be incapable of tears" (of emotion). 2nd. "Before the ears can hear, they must have lost their sensitiveness" (to assaults against the personal self). 3rd. "Before the voice can speak, it must have lost its power to wound." (For it now speaks to itself and not to others.) 4th. ("Before the Soul can stand in the presence of your Master (or, inner Higher Self), its feet must be washed in the blood of the heart" (the microcosmic man must be swallowed up in the macrocosmic man).

Thus, the personal life is given up to enter the higher or theosophic life, here and now, and not hereafter. The Crown of Life of Immortal Life once attained is never lost. The Crown of Immortal Consciousness once received, it is worn among the people of earth, and not among the dead. For it is a living crown that entitles you to the fullness of life, experienced by but few individuals here on earth.

Thus to lose your life is to gain it. This is, by the way, the result of the course of natural spiritual unfoldment of the individual, who in his intense devotions, seeks Him, his Master or Higher Self, the eternal and imperishable One within his own heart. He gets it through working one pointed for it and excluding all minor considerations. Possessions mean nothing to him, for he seeks those possessions which Death cannot defeat, an immortal consciousness that Death cannot touch. He has garnered the fruits of earth's experience to store them in a house eternal in the heavens. He needs no more earth lives to perfect his soul, for, thereafter, he dwells in a refined etheral atmosphere, where a physical plane base is no longer required, and the events of the World are as a frittering exposure of what to avoid in order to become an Immortal here on earth.

Thus, to win the Crown of Immortal Life here on earth, the Crown of Death and Dissolution must be forsaken, and even here the gain to live must be sacrificed to the loss to die.

—Harry E. Richeimer.

IMMORTALITY

"THOUSANDS of years ago, certain philosophers believed that if the expenditure of the vital fluids was abandoned, man might live forever. Ancient Hindu writings contain the records of such ideas."

No one but an idiot denies the foregoing, nor even the lowest libertine and debaucher in America. How to come to ME (the Higher Self, or Impersonal) is a problem of the ages.

First ME, must be regarded as holy and pure, free from all worldly passions and desires of the lower man. We gain our objective by imitation, for as the lower man becomes transmuted and purified, his longings for sexual intercourse and the presence of women vanish. He becomes a perfect bi-une being, holy in structure, his thoughts transqualized, his mind a calm and boundless ocean containing the (thought-forms) of all beings. His desire now is not so much to create as to BE, one with all.

Thus the conquering of the passions of the lower man which includes the suppression of sex-force, brings about the decrease in one's food-appetite, the abandonment of all flesh-food, a diminish in desire to admire pretty things (the lure of the objects of sense), the dislike of harmony in music, a disregard for the society of men, an utter contempt for the World, and all there is in it suddenly opens the doors of the inner senses to a New World filled with New Life and Beauty never before dreamed of.

One becomes all-sufficing now unto himself, a temple spiritual in its structure, holy in the heavens. Such people who become regenerated are a blessing to the World and a boon to all mankind. For their New Birth has impregnated the minds of all men with a semi-latent electrical force that lifts men above the animal vibration which the Priests of the Roman Catholic Church have welded about them from their infancy.

Thus to overcome one's self is the only way to Truth and Salvation here on Earth, and makes Man the only God there ever was, is and ever will BE.

—Harry R. Lang.

MARRY THE MAN YOU LOVE BUT NOT A ROMAN CATHOLIC

WHY? Because you are selling yourself into Catholic Bondage. I mean your soul's freedom is being bartered away, and in return you receive the precious chains of slavery. You are to seek men who think as you think, who have your own welfare at heart and not the welfare of some priest or institution. The trouble today with America is that she has not as yet sensed the real imminent danger of this foreign institution in their midst and until she does, America will go down, down into the dregs of materialism, and a King shall sit on his mighty throne at Washington, D. C., seconded only by the New Pope of America, our very own dear Card. Mundelein!

Now America will go Catholic in the degree that we continue to tolerate the Roman Catholic invasion of our newspapers, magazines, radio, movies and platform and pulpit. In the degree that we come out as a body against all foreign enchoachments, operating through peace societies, World Court affiliations, League of Nation schemes, or the international principles being sedulously introduced here through the British Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs and English Speaking Union societies. I say America must be rededicated to a New Birth of Spiritual Freedom, through a return to American Principles which will inaugurate a "BACK TO AMERICA PROGRAM," and eliminate all Roman Catholic and English Financial Lords from gaining the ascendency in America, and making America Foreign and English-Catholic.

But, I hear you say will this not cost human lives and a sacrifice of blood? To which I reply nothing

in comparison to the sacrifice of human souls which will die by the millions if this Republic is ever vanquished by the semi-pagans of England and Rome.

Who has not sensed in his heart the destruction of his own soul to be separated from a living organism that is immortal, to a semi-nascent aggregation of animals and vegetation thrown into a conglomerate mess and giving periods of life and death, but never rising to the state of man?

I say Roman Catholicism today is undermining America through the avenue of mixing their spawn with good American women and producing an entity, selfish, hungry, devilish, keenly mental but evil to the core. A fine stock for future America to house and propagate. Better had Protestant-Catholic children never been born than to contaminate the pure stream undefiled by an animal body dominated by the Catholic swarm of elementals and debauched larve that controls them and in turn controls others.

I have a hunch that the game of control which is exercised by the Priests over the People is now about to be broken and when that even transpires, we shall see a different America and a different World.

The New Order about to be inaugurated from the Spiritual realms will free us once and forevermore from Roman Catholic domination and American Protestant women will no more think of marrying Roman Catholic husbands than a human being would co-habit with an ordinary skunk, for this is exactly what they do when they marry Roman Catholics, and their offspring are a combination of good and evil, with the latter predominating.

Yours truly,

A Roman Catholic Child.

CALLES TELLS REASON FOR MEXICO'S RELIGIOUS LAWS

Mexico City.—"Roman Catholic priests should be denied the right to vote, and also the right to citizenship the moment they are subject to a foreign allegiance—that is, from the moment their allegiance to the power of Rome ranks in their spirit above their allegiance to their country." So declares President Calles in a recent statement concerning the Mexican-papal disturbances in this republic.

"We are not making any religious campaign," continued President Calles, "but we are determined that religious bodies shall not stir up strife. The Catholic priesthood in Mexico has engaged in political propaganda. Priests in various cases now are directing the rebellion against our government.

When asked whether or not the reports are true, that fifty priests had been shot for complicity in the revolt, Calles replied, "Possibly that is quite true."

"We effected regulations requiring all priests and other ministers to register. Protestant minister complied; Roman priests refused and went on strike, seeking to bring about a revolt by refusing to conduct regular services. Our regulations also required the clergy to cease political agitation and refrain from holding meetings in public outside their churches. The priests refused to obey.

In explaining the reason for the regulations of the priesthood, the President said:

"It is an Interior Department measure. We do not know how many priests there are in Mexico. It is not our intention to interfere in the church's business, but as in this country all church property is govern-

ment owned, we think it is our privilege to at least know how many priests are administering such public property.

"We shall not allow the Roman Catholic Church to subordinate the State to their religion. What would people, of the United States, for instance, think if Catholics united to make their government subservient to the Roman hierarchy?

"Many foreign priests in Mexico in the past have taken money from the people by extortion and threats, solely for benefit of the church. Foreign priests mean a calamity for us. Our law says foreign priests may not officiate, yet they have persisted in doing so, and about 100 of them, mostly Spanish, have been expelled from this country. Few native priests have taken part in the Romanist rebellion.

ARMIES OF FOREIGN PRIESTS

"We found in some towns as many as 300 priests for a total population of only 15,000. Under present regulations, local authorities can limit the number of priests to but one for each 10,000 people. The minimum population for one priest is 5,000.

"We permit criticism of the government by political parties and newspapers, but not by ecclesiastical organizations—although as individuals, Catholics have freedom of speech. But there is no freedom of speech in the Catholic church dogma, based on the infallibility of the church, which never can admit errors. Yet the hierarchy at Rome, wiser than local priests, always adjusts itself eventually to conditions. Priests must do this now in Mexico.

"NOT AS IN OTHER COUNTRIES"

"Our situation is not the same as that in some other countries. We are trying to catch up to those coun-

tries, and we ask their patience and sympathy at a time of national evolution. One of the chief national problems is to stimulate the middle class to meet the other national problems.

"The middle class must lead," he said. "For the upper class is reactionary and the lower is insufficiently educated."

Calles was asked if Mexico was solvent.

"We are covering our obligations," he responded. "Our idea is to pay our foreign creditors, to permit Mexico to meet her debts within the limits of her economic capacity. A commission of experts now is meeting to fix that capacity.

"We desire foreign capital to interest itself in Mexico. We ask only that capitalists who come here should be asked to respect our laws and not place themselves in a privileged position, claiming more rights than Mexico's own citizens."

THE WORLD TEACHER HAS ARRIVED! "BEHOLD I AM IT!"

A CONCEITED ASS

Krishnamurti

WE HAVE just received the April and May numbers of "The Star," an international magazine published at Hollywood, California, by the Order of the Start in the East, a Society which has for its main purpose to give forth the message of Krishnamurti, the World Teacher. The January, February and March issues having been sold out, we were unable to procure the first three numbers much to our disappointment, as the main gush would be more perceptible in the initial numbers, however, there is enough devotional mush and utter glorification of their New

World Teacher in the numbers received, that we shall try to bring out what Krishnamurti is trying to get at, and why he is so unduly elevated at the present moment, when according to his own admission, just a year ago, he had not yet received the Divine afflatus, and was not then to be regarded as the World Teacher. But it seems today he lays claim to the whole works, from the Savior of Gods and Men to a Poet of the first rank. Let us read and consider well the following:

From "The Mountain Top," by J. Krishnamurti, on page 6 of the May, 1928, issue of "The Star," he says:

Behold! I Have Attained Liberation.

"My life is the produce and culmination of many lives, and now I have opened the gates and entered into the Kingdom of Liberation and Happiness. I have attained that which is the outcome of many sorrows, many pleasures, many longings, the outcome of determination from the very beginning. So must in each one of you be born that determination to conquer, to arrive at the end of all things from the moment that you see the goal. I know that I have struggled as the seed under the ground struggles to see the light of the sun, but in that very process is born Liberation, in that very process of rejection and acquiring of discrimination and of gathering strength I have attained liberation. That is where lies the truth. It is in the constant, everyday struggle, everyday choosing between the right and the wrong in the light of liberation, and not in anything else that lies the achievement thereof. In that process of struggle, I always had my face turned to the mountain top and hence my back to the valley. I never considered what was behind me, for the mountain top, with its eternal light,

called me eagerly, and hence I went only in one direction towards the mountain top, and my back was towards the valley which is the past, though it has its lessons. But now that I have attained the mountain top, I face the World as a guide, with a longing to help, as one who knows where are the dangerous pitfalls, where are the entangling shrines of the wayside. And with that love which is burning in me, I would ask you to leave those narrow paths of the valley, those dark by-ways that lie hidden and come out and walk with me in the light, which is liberation. You may hear from the mountain top the voice calling, shouting a warning concerning the danger of the false step that will inevitably lead you down the precipice, but though the warning be clear, there must be correspondingly strong within you the effort to struggle out of the valley, out of the shade—though it be enticing—into the clear sunlight where there are no shadows, no false steps. In order that you should have the strength, the energy, the ecstasy of purpose which will give you determination, you must drink of that pool, which is liberation, of which the gods themselves drink."

"Now the perception of the goal and its attainment are quite different. Most of you imagine that by the mere perception of liberation you have attained it. It is true that at any stage of evolution you can see for yourselves the end of all things, which is liberation, but the seeing and the realization, the perception and the attainment, are wholly different. Because you have seen, do not for a moment imagine that you have attained. For instance, from the valley you can always behold the mountain top, from the plains you can see standing out clearly, in all its perfection, in all its

serenity, the mountain top, but between you in the plain and in the valley and the attainment of that mountain top, there is a great distance to be traveled, many barriers to be overcome, forests to pass through, rivers which you must ford. Only the man of courage, of experience, of intense longing, whose desire to reach the summit is burning within him, will venture, will struggle, wherever he be, to attain that mountain top. So it has been my purpose to establish within your own hearts and minds the desire to reach the goal, to attain liberation and happiness. You have but to open your eyes to behold the glory of liberation and happiness; it is there as is the mountain top which is beholden from the valley and from the plain; it is always there—on sunlit days and on the days of many clouds, sometimes hidden and mysterious and far away, and at other times clear, open and magnificent and very near at hand. This mountain top of liberation is always there, whether the people in the valley and in the plains are asleep or awake, whether they are playing or crying, shouting with joy, fighting or at peace. It is always there, ever enticing, ever calling, ever beckoning to those people who are lost in the darkness of the valley and who are far away in the plains; it is ever inviting the people who are below to climb to the top and conquer it. So if you will use your imagination, you will understand that the kingdom of happiness and liberation is within you, as the mountain top is everlastingly above the storm, the rains and the passing clouds; but to conquer, to attain and to live there eternally, you must have suffered in the open burning plain, where there are no shadows, no comfort, no shelter, no cool streams."

Yes, we think Mr. Krishnamurti must have over-

worked his imaginative faculty to get to the point of liberation and happiness from the foregoing childish prattle.

Again, "By my coming I shall quicken that intense desire to attain, to reach the mountain top, both in those of the valley and those of the plain, because I have reached. Time will have disappeared for those who have not yet reached, but who really understand the teaching and who hold in their heart the embodiment of liberation shall perceive, those who have seen shall quicken their desire and their strength for the attaining thereof. It is my intention to sow the seed in the field that lies fallow; the trees that are barren shall bear fruit; they shall grow into the magnificent trees whose foliage shall give protection and shelter to the weary. Again, I say, do not imagine that because you have seen the goal, you have captured it, attained it and become part of it. The goal is like the finished picture of the artist; it is simple and yet mysterious. People who look upon a picture think that they can paint it because it is so simple, and it ravishes their hearts; but the mystery of creation which produced that picture is great. Look at the artist while he is painting, how he produces with color, little by little, slowly and gradually, a face; first of all, the color of the skin, and little by little the eyes and the expression, and he gradually puts into it the soul; but when the picture is completed there is a simplicity and achievement. So because I have achieved, and have gained the Liberation, and it has been shown to you as simple, do not imagine that you can achieve at once. You must first have that simple mind and simple heart, you must have gone through the valley and the plain, you must have gathered experience, you must have

gathered knowledge. Because there is this seed within each one of you, water it with care, protect it while the plant is young, guide it to grow straight towards the open heavens, towards the clear skies above the storm clouds. To make it grow wondrously your needs must have wisdom and intelligence which are the outcome of experience. If you are not a gardner, if you are not experienced with plants, you will destroy the plant, however wondrous the seed may be at the beginning. In you lies the power to make the tree grow beautiful, to make it grow straight and towards the open skies, but you cannot use that power rightly without experience, wisdom and intelligence. By desire alone you cannot carry all things before you and attain; however powerful your desire may be, however strong and intense you need wisdom, guidance and control.

"When a strong man climbs the mountain top he takes the straight path, for he has prepared, cultivated and trained his muscles, he has guarded his strength, reserved his power for many a day for the struggle, so for him to walk a narrow and dangerous path is easy. But a weak man may have to go down, descend a little down the mountain path and take an easier path and longer road; but he will also come to the mountain top. So experience, if properly used, will give you knowledge and the wisdom of putting that knowledge into action. Because I have united the goal and the source, I would tell you that liberation is not attained by mere renunciation, but in the perfection of life, the life that is around us, which is about us, which is in each one of us. If a liberated man comes, his desire is not only to establish in those people that are around him the craving for that liberation, but also

to point out to them the means of attaining that liberation and the process of acquiring that happiness. So it has been my purpose, since I started to establish within you this desire, to cultivate within you those fields that have been lying fallow and to plant that seed that shall grow into this wondrous tree. Like the gardener, I must sow the seed, but you are the soil in which the tree will grow so you must prepare the soil, you must nourish, fertilize and guard it, so that your tree, your plant, shall grow into perfection, and then you will protect, you will give comfort to the weary."

Weary? Yes, Krishnamurti, you will have to establish better evidence than this if you are to have us believe that you yourself have attained Liberation you speak of, for your very words are no proof whatsoever, and make one weary in following you.

Further he says: "So, the first thing for those who desire to follow the truth, to follow me into their own hearts is to go within themselves, into their own being and there establish the truth, and there find their own happiness, their own liberation, and then they will have found my happiness and my liberation, which is the common heritage of all, the common product of all humanity.

"It is of no avail to follow another blindly, or to build a temple for some passing god, for those objective things pass away, die and leave you as naked and forlorn, as depressed and unhappy as before you found that god who passes away in the darkness of the night. "When once you have found liberation and happiness in your own heart, there you must build a temple to worship, setting aside all other gods, all other desires, all other longings, except to be united with that happi-

ness and liberation. Then you will become that true leader for yourselves, you will yourselves find the path of peace. If you rely on another, however beautiful be his vision, however great the love that you give to another, they are passing, they fade away and you are again left naked and alone in your solitude. Because I have climbed to the mountain top in my heart, and have found Liberation and Happiness, it does not mean that you should give your love and devotion to my outward form. You must give your devotion and your love to the truth which is liberation and happiness, for this outward form passes away as all things pass away, except the truth. To that truth you must cling, as a shipwrecked person clings to a log; if you cling to truth it will never desert you, on the contrary, it will strengthen you, and increase your desire to hold on to truth eternally." (You would think Krishnamurti was teaching a Kindergarten class for infants.)

"Those who have the desire to follow me must follow the truth, for only if the truth of happiness and liberation is well established within you, will you truly follow me, then we shall always be together, then there will be no separation and no loneliness. But the moment you establish your truth in an outward form, in an image, in an altar, in incense, in bells, in the gorgeous cloaks of some priest, then you have lost the truth, for with those forms, with that incense, with those bells, your truth vanishes." (Kindly apply this to your Mother's "Liberal Catholic Church," within your own dear Order of the Star in the East," and see if all your words are not mere prattle and hypocrisy.) "So my purpose is to establish this truth within you, in order that you may find for yourselves this happiness and this liberation. Because I have united

the beginning and the end, the source and the goal, I can see how enticing, how dangerous it is to rely on others. Because I have attained liberation, because in me happiness is established, I would give that happiness and that liberation to you. I would free you from those things that are binding, that are limiting; but if the desire to find that truth, that liberation and that happiness is not established within yourselves, the moment I cease to be, the moment my physical form ceases to be, the truth of liberation and happiness will disappear.

"From the very beginning of the search for truth there must be established this devotion for the truth, though it may be embodied in one person, established in one individual; (ah, there is the point, established in one individual, Me, I, Krishnamurti); but that individual is only the cloak, the outward form, the outward expression of the inner happiness and inner liberation. If once you have perceived truth for yourself, when once you have seen the vision of the mountain top, and have lived in that garden of eternity, then you will not rely on anybody, you will not be swayed by the passing winds of doubt, of questionings, of anxieties, for all search ceases when once you have seen the goal. So that in seeking that truth which is in yourselves and not in another—although another may have the fortune of awakening that desire in you, though another may have embodied the goal—you must gain strength from the passing hurricanes, from all experience, so as to establish firmly for yourselves those things that you have realized, so that you become the true disciples, the true apostles of that truth, of that everlasting happiness and liberation.

"My desire is that you should give your love and

your devotion to that truth which is within me, and not to me the outward form of your devotion and your love, so that you shall build around the truth a temple which will last forever, an altar to which the worshippers of the world will come; for that which they worship in the image, by the incense and by all the outward paraphernalia of religion, is passing, but that which is eternal, which is permanent, which is lasting, is within themselves and in unfolding and opening and establishing that truth within themselves lies the true attainment of liberation and happiness. (If, dear sir, one has found the truth to be himself and no other, why should young Krishnamurti figure in the presentation of truth to the individual? This may go in India, where you came from, but not in America where self-reliance is the foundation of our great Republic.)

Clever, isn't it. A ruse of Mrs. Annie Besan't and Mr. Leadbeater's, and not of our dear young Krishnamurti's at all. An inner devotion to me on the inner planes, a temple within to me and the truth. A reformed Catholicism that means to catch them in another manner. If they evade them on the outward plan of ceremony and image worship, the game is to switch the form side to the devotion side, which is as binding and more lasting when implanted in the thought realm, enslaving their souls for ages and incarnations to come. No, Mr. Krishnamurti, we do not think that you have reached Liberation in this life and with your present associates, Messrs. Besant and Leadbeater, both Catholics and Occultists, your chances are quite remote.

If readers of Divine Life cannot see that this young man is palming off what he thinks will catch the World in its grasp and is faking in order to pose as the

Teachers of Gods and Men by mere word-play, then the Editor is sadly mistaken, for any fifth rate writer of fiction and fairy stories could do as well, and what he terms Liberation and Happiness, is merely a new gown of glamour which Mr. Leadbeater, his true inner Master, has thrown over him, and which makes him as much a mouth-piece of Leadbeater, as when he, Krishnamurti, was supposed to have written down "At the Feet of the Master," which was purely what Leadbeater had given him, and not the work of Alcyone's Master at all.

Thus the World Teacher that has arrived, who declares that he is IT, the real thing dropped from the clouds, is a farce and a humbug, and Mrs. Besant had better call off "The Star" show before it disrupts the whole Theosophical Society. —HARRY R. LANG.

BY WHAT AUTHORITY?

In all the books, purported to have been written by Mr . J. Krishnamurti, the self pronounced World Teacher, and protege of Mrs. Annie Besant, President of the Theosophical Society with headquarters at Adyar, India, and Wheaton, Illinois, he has not evinced a scintilla of evidence showing me conclusively that he is entitled to the stage of spiritual development attributed to himself. It is merely the role of the braggart and self-immolator. It does not tell us how Liberation is possible, for the simple reason that no man can tell us short of having attained that stage himself and mirroring it forth in his writings. In other words you come into the same state of consciousness the writer was in when he is writing the article. I do not get any response whatever from whatever

Krishnamurti writes, because he is simply dwelling down in the personal-self and has been taught from infancy by his Elders that he is the World Teacher and the Coming Man of his time.

Possibly the sudden change in his demeanor within the past year of which Mr. Woodhouse speaks was due to another initiation given him by his Master Leadbeater.

We might advert to an article published in Divine Life some time ago regarding the mysterious Alcyone (another name for Krishnamurti), his Master and under what circumstances "At the Feet of the Master," was written:

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

(*Contributed*)

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY is at the present time attracting much attention in Bombay, and in Madras, and the Editor of the *Indian Mirror* is trying to rouse interest in it in Calcutta, where it has a small branch in Amherst Street.

The columns of *The Parsee* in Bombay, and more especially those of *The Hindu* in Madras, are being used by Theosophists and their critics, and *The Hindu* of the 4th inst. said: "We reprint today an article on the Theosophical Society by *The Indian Mirror,* whose editor is that veteran journalist Rai Bahadur Narendra Nath Sen, and whose acceptance of a subsidy by the Bengal Government for conducting a vernacular newspaper has been the subject of general disapprobation in the country, and regarding which no explanation or defense has yet been published. This gentleman is one of the oldest Theosophists and an account of his life appeared in the December number of the 'Theoso-

phist' as among those of the theosophical worthies which are being published serially in that Magazine."

Apparently the agitation was set in motion by the publication shortly before Christmas of a little book called "At the Feet of the Masters" to which Mrs. Besant contributed a preface in which she described the work as "Alcyone's first gift to the World."

The first edition consisted—so the publisher has stated in "The Hindu"—of three thousand copies and it sold so well that a second edition is now in press. It contained a frontispiece, the portrait of a pretty but sad-looking puzzle-eyed, Hindu boy, and people began to ask "who is Alcyone?" Alcyone is, it appears, a Brahmin boy by name, Krishnamurti, aged about thirteen, born in Madras, and son of a man who is now working in the library at Adyar, established by Col. Olcott. His schoolmates remember him as a rather dull scholar and are greatly surprised to see him in a beautiful room at Adyar, surrounded by fruit and flowers, and that both European and Hindu Theosophists do puja to him as the Coming Christ, or World-Saviour.

The current number of the *Theosophist,* the official organ of the Theosophists, contains a long article by Mr. Leadbeater in which he gives the past history of Alcyone, that is to say, the history of his many incarnations before he was born at Madras about thirteen years ago, also an account of the so-called "Initiation" of the boy; his progress "on the stream," his reception by a master or Mahatma as his son, and much more of the same sort.

As to the little book, *At the Feet of the Master,* a careful study of its contents shows nothing that has not already appeared in the published works of Mrs.

Besant and Mr. Leadbeater, and the style of writing, and English, is very like that of Mrs. Besant.

The sentiments expressed and the advice given—these are very good indeed, and probably the book would have been allowed to remain unnoticed by the general public did it not claim to have been dictated by a Master or Mahatmá and written by Alcyone himself, two sentences only being added by the Master or Mahatma.

The general belief outside Theosophical circles is that the boy is thrown into a hypnotic trance by Mr. Leadbeater and is then made to say whatever Mr. Leadbeater pleases; and it is asked "How much further will this sort of thing go on?" Some people go so far as to assert that Mrs. Besant herself has come under "the glamour" of Mr. Leadbeater, who is said to be a clever hypnotist. A whole regiment was at one time hypnotized on parade ground in Prussia, it is said; and through Mrs. Besant, Mr. Leadbeater may influence the one thousand boys and young men, from all parts of India, who are today being educated at the Central Hindu College at Benares.

Unfortunately, very unsavoury details about the past doings of Mr. Leadbeater in America with young boys, things known only to the few, have been brought into the controversy, and it is asked whether he is or can be a person to be relied upon where a young boy is concerned? Possibly the Hindus "in the benighted Presidency" think that if they do not take some action now, their credulity may be brought up against them later on by Hindus in other parts of India, for they are thoroughly roused concerning what is called the "Adyar Scandal."

For the first time in its chequered career the Theo-

sophical Society at Adyar refused to admit reporters to its lectures at the annual Convention held there last Christmas. Even visitors who had tickets were in some cases turned away. A member of the T. S. who is a lawyer has called this in the newspapers "an error in tactics; and certainly if it be true that the plea given for secrecy was that the lectures would sell better if they appeared first in book form, the policy of the Adyar Theosophists was "pennywise, and pound foolish." The Theosophists themselves sent reports to the newspapers, and these spoke of a young initiate whose lifeless body lay carefully guarded, at Adyar, while his spirit went to the Mahatmas for its initiation. The statement was made by the President, Mrs. Besant, and the little book "At the Feet of the Masters" was bought by Hindu fathers who were anxious to know what was going on at Adyar. In their beautiful home far removed from the realms of the practical, doing puja to a pretty Hindu boy, the Theosophists did not realize that Hindu parents might see danger in their dreamy, but money-making proceedings.

Mrs. Besant, Mr. Leadbeater, and other Theosophists went to Burma, taking Alcyone with them; and a young man, by name of Mr. Costi Lagianopel, who had been a member of the Theosophical Society in Vienna but had joined the sect of Mazdaznan, went to Adyar and received there a very cold, if not rude reception. His letter on the subject in "The Hindu" set light, it appears, to a smouldering fire and filled the columns of that paper with letters about the Theosophical Society and its Masters, its Coming Christ, and other matters. When Mrs. Besant returns to Madras, a public meeting, it is said, will be called, and she will be asked to explain a variety of matters con-

nected with the Society, Alcyone, and Mr. Leadbeater.

Writing about Alcyone, Mr. Costi Lagianopel says: "Having seen the photo of Alcyone in his first gift to world, with the melancholy and peculiar expression so easily recognized among hypnotized persons and the look that shows will-absence, I see in him one who is suffering from the will-tyranny of someone who knows how to take off the "Veil of Time" through suggestion while the patient is in a trance. Cases can be quoted in which a European patient spoke Hindustan and told a full life-story of a previous incarnation in India. Hypnotized persons can be made by suggestion to act as Christ, Napoleon and others. After such psychological efforts, patients sometimes sleep for days, and such sleep is not ordinary sleep. Rather it seems as if the body were dead.

So we can easily understand what Mrs. Besant meant when she said at the last Theosophical convention held at Adyar that the empty body of Alcyone was lying at Adyar and the soul had gone to be initiated by the Masters." —*The Hindu.*

Crucifixion of Krishnamurti.—Professor E. Marcault, who has the job of running the English section of Mrs. Besant's world university, and who therefore must boost Krishnamurti, willy-nilly, told the London Order of the Star, December 11th, that "History repeats itself, and if today a new message comes from the Divine it is very likely that this message will once again be ridiculed, and that the bearer of the message in one form or another will be led to some Calvary and there be crucified." The illogical implication is that if a message is ridiculed it is divine, and that if the bearer thereof is crucified he is likewise divine.

As for Krishnamurti, it is not his old time message which is being ridiculed, but the air of supreme importance he assumes in calling himself the World Teacher for giving what the sages of all times have taught, while as for his crucifixion, he is having the time of his life, a time which the son of a millionaire could hardly surpass.

Another Old Catholic Bishop Gone Bad.—The Most Reverend Arnold H. Mathew, archbishop of the Old Catholic Church in Great Britain, was not always prudent in selecting his staff of bishops. One of these was the notorious Willoughby, later co-parent with Wedgwood of the bastard Liberal Catholic Church, and distinguished chiefly by his record as a sodomist and theological swindler. Another of Archbishop Mathew's staff has gone bad, according to a report in the London *Express* of February 21st. The Right Reverend Francis Bacon, consecrated as a bishop by Arnold Mathew, who had himself appointed Archbishop of the Old Catholic Church after Mathew's death, resigned from that position in 1920, and became a curate in the Church of England. He has now, at the age of seventy, been sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment for carrying on a fraudulent mail order business under the name of "Dr. Hannah Brown," selling noxious, or at least valueless, drugs to expectant mothers. If Mathew was at times deceived, he at least promptly fired Willoughby on discovering his character, and was too astute to be taken in by the notorious Wedgwood, now one of the pillars of the Liberal Catholic Church.

—From *"The Critic."*

WHO IS KRISHNAMURTI'S MASTER?

Preface to "At the Feet of the Master"

The privilege is given to me, as an elder, to pen a word of introduction to this little book, the first written by a younger Brother, young in body verily, but not in Soul. The teachings contained in it were given to him by his Master in preparing him for initiation, and were written down by him from memory—slowly and laboriously, for his English last year was far less fluent than it is now. The greater part is a reproduction of the Master's own words; that which is not such a verbal reproduction is the Master's thought clothed in His pupils words. Two omitted sentences were supplied by the Master. In two other cases an omitted word has been added. Beyond this, it is entirely Alcyone's own, his first gift to the world.

May it help others as the spoken teachings helped him—such is the hope with which he gives it. But the teaching can only be fruitful if it is lived, as he has lived it, since it fell from his Master's lips. If the example be followed as well as the precept, then for the reader, as for the writer, shall the great Portal swing open, and his feet be set on the Path.

—Annie Besant.

According to Naryaniah, Krishnamurti's father, the boy could not compose a good English letter at the time he was supposed to have written "At the Feet of the Master." Somebody is lying. Can Mrs. Besant explain?

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